



Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION March 14, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on March 14, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Nancy Goren, Chair
Susan Bendix
Hilary Harp
Dave Kephart
Hotchy Kiene
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson
Celeste Plumlee
Shiela Schmidt
Frank Williams

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development
Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Manager - Library and Cultural Services Division
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services Division

Guest(s) Present:

Don Dotts, Board Member - Friends of the Tempe Center for the Arts

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Nikie Crawford
Patrick Fanning
Kiyomi Kurooka
Janis Webb

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the February 8, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **February 8, 2012**.
- **MOTION:** Hilary Harp moved to approve the February 8, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document as presented.
- **SECOND:** Hotchy Kiene seconded.

DECISION: February 8, 2012, TMAC Meeting Minutes Document approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the March 2, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved TMAC minutes document** dated **March 2, 2012**.
- **MOTION: Frank Williams moved to approve the March 2, 2012, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Meeting Minutes Document as presented.**
- **SECOND: Hotchy Kiene seconded.**
- **DECISION: March 2, 2012, TMAC Meeting Minutes Document approved as presented.**

Agenda Item 4 - Cultural Facilities Manager's Report

- Don Fassinger, Library and Cultural Services Division Cultural Facilities Manager, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to view the **March, 2012, special event and program list** (director's report) included within their regular meeting packet.
- D. Fassinger praised Rachael Peterson, Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, and Amanda Martin, Recreation Services Division Administrative Assistant, for their efforts to prepare the TMAC Director's Report.
- D. Fassinger reported that the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA), 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, is playing host to the following events in **March, 2012**:
 - **100TH Walk-In Wednesday Open Mic Night** (6 p.m., March 14, Lobby)
 - **Bully Mammoth Comedy** (8 p.m., March 17, Lakeside Room);
 - **Paul McDermid** (7 p.m., March 20, Theater);
 - **Pianist Nicole Pesce** (7:30 p.m., March 23, Theater);
 - **Lakeshore Jazz Series** featuring Brazilian pianist, singer, composer and arranger **Eliane Elias** (7:30 p.m., March 24, Theater).
- D. Fassinger reported that the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Avenue, is playing host to the following events in **March, 2012**:
 - **Third Thirstday Night Café: Ambassador of Note** featuring **Robert Spring**, Professor of Clarinet in the Arizona State University School of Music (7 p.m., March 15, Community Room);
 - **Performances at the Museum: LOUD**, an outdoor celebration of brassy bands and fine food (2 p.m., March 24, Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard).
- D. Fassinger further reported that the TCA is playing host to the following events in **April, 2012**:
 - **Tempe Poetry in April** featuring **Josh Rathkamp**, recipient of the 2010 Sow's Ear Poetry Prize and a 2012 Arizona Commission on the Arts Artist Grant (7 p.m., April 4, Location To Be Announced);
 - **Tempe Youth Wind Symphony** (7:30 p.m., April 5, Theater);
 - **Tempe Symphony Orchestra Season Finale** (7:30 p.m., April 9, Theater).
- Frank Williams, TMAC member, noted that the Gallery at TCA (Gallery) played host to a well-attended **artist forum** specific to the Gallery's exhibition titled, "**Arizona Centennial Celebration: Arizona Landscapes at TCA Gallery**," on February 11, 2012.

- D. Fassinger encouraged the TMAC members to view the following website for additional information related to programming and events at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA): **www.tempe.gov/tca**.
- D. Fassinger further suggested that the TMAC members contact Rachael Peterson if they'd like to receive additional information or web links related to upcoming art events and related cultural programming via email message at **Rachael_Peterson@tempe.gov**.
- D. Fassinger reported that he, Maja Aurora, Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIDP) Program Coordinator, and Kathy Berzins, Community Services Department Director, met with **Brigitta Kuiper**, Tempe City Clerk, and **Judi Baumann**, Deputy City Attorney, to review the **TMAC Rules of Procedure** (bylaws).
- D. Fassinger announced that a **candidate forum** is scheduled to occur at 8:30 a.m. on March 21 within the Tempe Public Library's lower-level Youth Library Meeting Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, specific to the recruitment for the vacant Deputy Director position of the Library and Cultural Services Division. Fassinger encouraged the TMAC members to attend, and affirmed that a successful candidate will be selected to fulfill the vacant position by no later than March 24, 2012.

Agenda Item 5 - Chairperson's Report

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, reminded the TMAC members that Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman recently appointed the following people to serve as members of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC):
 - **Kiyomi Kurooka**;
 - **Kelly Nelson**;
 - **Shiela Schmidt**.
- N. Goren introduced new member S. Schmidt, and further welcomed S. Schmidt to the TMAC meeting.
- N. Goren reported that she attended **Shirlee King's** funeral service. Goren acknowledged S. King's dedication to the Tempe community, and further praised S. King's civic efforts as they related to her work as a representative of Tempe Boards and Commissions.
- N. Goren noted that she was a panel member during the **primary interview** for the vacant Deputy Director position within the Community Services Department's Library and Cultural Services Division. Goren stated that the panel met and interviewed 11 qualified candidates on March 13, 2012. Goren affirmed that all candidate interviews were outstanding.
- N. Goren reminded the TMAC members that since the groundbreaking for the construction of the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) in March, 2004, the focus of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) has changed to include **communications**, as well as **advocacy** for the City of Tempe's **Art Grants**, **Public Art** and **Art in Private Development** programs.
- N. Goren reported that the existing **Strategic Plan of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission** (Commission) is outdated; N. Goren encouraged the TMAC members to consider what they'd like to accomplish during their term(s) and report back to the Commission.
- N. Goren further reported that as a result of the passing of Shirlee King, TMAC Vice Chair, a new vice chair appointment needs to occur to fulfill the vacancy within the 2012

TMAC Slate of Officers (Slate of Officers). Goren reminded the TMAC members that during the initial Slate of Officers discussion, **Hotchy Kiene** was identified as receiving the third highest amount of officer nomination votes.

- **MOTION:** **Frank Williams moved to approve the formal nomination and election of Hotchy Kiene to serve as Vice Chair of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission.**
- **SECOND:** **Dave Kephart seconded.**
- **DECISION:** **Hotchy Kiene formally nominated and elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission.**

Agenda Item 6A - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Report

- Maja Aurora, Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, distributed the artist-designed **Tempe Public Library Cards** to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members for review. Aurora reminded the TMAC members that the six (6) paintings depicted on the Tempe Public Library (Library) Cards are currently on display within the Library Community Gallery through May 23, 2012.
- Hilary Harp, TMAC member, praised the outcome of the **Mill Avenue Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards** project.
- M. Aurora explained that the Mill Avenue Utility Boxes will become part of the Downtown Tempe Community's **Ambassador Tour** program.
- Dave Kephart, TMAC member, inquired about artist plaque identification on (or near to) the utility box artwork site. Aurora explained that each artist signed their respective work.
- M. Aurora reported that a selection panel met to review **IN FLUX Cycle 2** artist proposals on and between the dates of January 5 through January 13, 2012; M. Aurora stated that Tempe had the following panel representation:
 - **Lisa Collins (City of Tempe Community Development);**
 - **Sara Eason (Downtown Tempe Community);**
 - **Patrick Fanning (Tempe Municipal Arts Commission).**
- M. Aurora explained that two (2) artists and one (1) artist team were selected to fulfill the IN FLUX Cycle 2 Public Artwork Opportunity in Tempe; M. Aurora confirmed the following selections:
 - **Peter Bugg;**
 - **Christina Mesiti;**
 - **Todd Ingalls and Mary Bates Neubauer.**
- M. Aurora distributed artwork proposals to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members for review and consideration.
- M. Aurora noted that the main component of visual artist Peter Bugg's proposed installation, **New Beginnings**, is a quotation from first century playwright Seneca that reads, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Aurora explained that the quotation will be cut out of metallic vinyl and will be adhered to the Mill Avenue windows of the former Borders building at 7TH Street and Mill Avenue.
- M. Aurora stated that visual artist Christina Mesiti's IN FLUX storefront installation is a proposed sculptural continuation of C. Mesiti's map drawings. Aurora further noted that the installation will be specific to the downtown Tempe neighborhood, and will explore the role of memory and time in understanding one's personal relationship to a place in transition. Aurora explained that C. Mesiti's artwork proposal includes six (6) paper-covered windows, plywood and paper advertisements on transparent mylar.

- M. Aurora reported that the artist team of Todd Ingalls and Mary Bates Neubauer proposed the creation of interactive glass windows where viewers may become part of a virtual window-front environment where illumination and floating art-forms respond with intelligence and liveliness to movement. Aurora stated that the artwork will be monsoon-themed, silk-screened imagery with a luminescent glow and a slight sonification.
- M. Aurora explained that each artwork site will be identified and will have a QR code that will direct visitors to the IN FLUX Cycle 2 website. Aurora further explained that a guide map will be available on the site of the artwork installations on April 11, 2012.
- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission Chair, inquired about the completion schedule for the three (3) artwork installations; M. Aurora affirmed that the artwork installations will be complete by no later than the end of the month in March, 2012.
- Frank Williams inquired about an opening celebration for the artwork installations. Aurora stated that an opening will occur in mid-April, 2012.
- Robert Moore inquired if the installations will be complete before the Downtown Tempe Community's **Spring Festival of the Arts (Festival of the Arts)**. Maja Aurora explained that the installations are scheduled to be completed prior to the Festival of the Arts.
- F. Williams further inquired about additional public art project opportunities in Tempe, specifically street-side utility boxes.

Agenda Item 6B - Grants Report

- Maja Aurora, Art Grants and Public Art/Art in Private Development Program Coordinator, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to contact her via email message at Maja_Aurora@tempe.gov if they'd like to audit an art grant recipient event and/or program. Aurora added that she intends to compile a list of art grant recipient e-newsletters to distribute to the TMAC members as an additional communication tool.
- Nancy Goren, TMAC Chair, further encouraged the TMAC members to audit City of Tempe Art Grant Recipient programming and events.
- M. Aurora presented a **Tempe Preparatory Academy Arts MiniGrant Application** to the TMAC members for review and consideration.
- M. Aurora explained that the Tempe Preparatory Academy requested \$500 in funding for a project titled, "**Oklahoma! The Birth of the American Musical.**" Aurora added that the project, an ongoing musical production, is scheduled to occur from April 18, 2012, through April 22, 2012, at Tempe Preparatory Academy, 1251 E. Southern Avenue.
- **MOTION:** Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the Tempe Preparatory Academy Arts MiniGrant Application as presented.
SECOND: Celeste Plumlee seconded.
DECISION: Tempe Preparatory Academy Arts MiniGrant Application approved as presented.
- M. Aurora confirmed that the submission deadline for the **fiscal year 2012-2013 City of Tempe Arts Project and Organizational Development Grant Applications** is **5 p.m. on April 17, 2012.**
- Frank Williams, TMAC member, inquired about receiving electronic grant recipient event announcements via email message as they arise.

Agenda Item 7 - Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Report

- Don Dotts, Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Board Member, explained that the Friends of TCA organization operates a gift shop titled, "**TCArt Shop.**" Dotts reported that the shop continues to thrive; D. Dotts added that the shop is breaking sales records and is currently selling 2012 Arizona Centennial Postcards from the "**Arizona Centennial Celebration: Arizona Landscapes at TCA Gallery**" exhibition depicting works by artist **Merrill Mahaffey.**
- D. Dotts noted that the TCArt Shop is open from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and is also open during many of the scheduled public and private events at the TCA.
- D. Dotts reported that the Friends of TCA (Friends) sponsors several performing arts programs at the TCA; D. Dotts acknowledged the following Friends-sponsored programs and performances:
 - **Sonoran Chamber Music featuring Thomas Landschoot**, Cellist, and Friends (2:30 p.m., March 11, Gallery at TCA);
 - **An Evening with Nicole Pesce**, Pianist (7:30 p.m., March 23, Theater).
- D. Dotts stated that the TCA will celebrate its **5TH anniversary of operations** in 2012; D. Dotts reported that the Friends of TCA is working with TCA staff to plan a celebratory event scheduled to take place on **October 27, 2012.**
- D. Dotts noted that the Friends of TCA (Friends) seeks additional board members; D. Dotts confirmed that the Friends Board meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the TCA 201 Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.
- Don Fassinger, Library and Cultural Services Division Facilities Manager, as well as Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission member, praised the Friends of TCA organization and its board representation for their support of programming at the TCA.

Agenda Item 8 - Commission Members' Announcements

- Robert Moore announced that he attended an **opening celebration** specific to the **Gallery at Tempe Center for the Art's** (Gallery at TCA) Arizona Centennial-celebrating exhibition titled, "**Arizona Centennial Celebration: Arizona Landscapes at Tempe Center for the Arts Gallery,**" on February 11, 2012. Moore stated that he enjoyed viewing the exhibition, and encouraged the remaining Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to visit the Gallery at TCA.
- Hotchy Kiene reminded the TMAC members that the **Phoenix New Times** is playing host to a **food truck festival** at 11 a.m. every Friday through the end of March, 2012, on 12TH and Jefferson Streets in Phoenix.
- Dave Kephart reported that he is moving forward on his **film festival project**; D. Kephart explained that the film festival will feature works by high-school-age youth and young adults.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

- Nancy Goren, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, inquired about revisiting the possibility of hosting a **TMAC-sponsored arts marketing seminar** for local visual and performing artists, as well as for local performing arts organizations.
- Frank Williams, TMAC member, reiterated that he'd like the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and City of Tempe staff members to seek-out additional public art project opportunities in Tempe, specifically street-side utility boxes.

Agenda Item 10 - Public Appearances

- No appearances.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on April 11, 2012, within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 85282. ***MEETING CANCELLED***
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Prepared By: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed By: Don Fassinger

Nancy Goren
Chair, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission